May 25, 1967 to July 21, 1977. There is no provision in the law for the State Governments to be represented on the Local Boards of Reserve Bank of India. There is, however, constant inter-action between the Reserve Bank of India and the State Governments through various forums. Representation of State Governments on the local boards of Reserve Bank of India is, therefore, not considered necessary.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) There is no provision in the Reserve Bank of India Act for the State Governments to be represented on the Local Boards.

HRA to Central Government Employees

2133. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both Simla and Shillong are classified as Class 'C' Cities according to 1981 census;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government Employees stationed at Shillong are getting H.R.A. at the rate of 15 per cent while those at Simla are given H.R.A. at the rate of 7.5 per cent; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for discriminating between Simla and Shillong based Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The rates at which HRA is being paid in Shillong are as follows:

Name of the city	Pay range	Rate of HRA
Shillong	Up to Rs. 560	15% of pay.
	Above Rs. 560 and up to Rs. 599.	Amount by which pay falls short of Rs. 644.
	Rs. 600 and above.	7½% of pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 200 p.m.

According to 1971 Census, Simla was classified as a 'C' class city. The rate of House Rent Allowance to the employees posted in 'C' Class Cities is 7 1/2 of pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 200/- p. m. On the basis of its population according to 1971 Census Shillong was also classified as a 'C' Class City. However, the rate of House Rent Allowance at Shillong which was fixed on the basis of a specific agreement in the National Council (JCM) in 1971, was a mixture of 'B-2' and 'C' Class rates.

The Third Pay Commission had recommended that payment of H.R.A. at Hill Stations paid under special orders should continue to be paid and the Government should decide on the appropriate rates. Considering the rates at which H.R.A. was already being paid in Shillong before the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission, Government decided to adopt a mixture of revised 'B-2' and 'C' Class rates for the payment of H.R.A. in Shillong with reference at the revised pay scales.

Committee to suggest change in the financial year

2134. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee to go into the question of change in the financial year;

(b) if so what are the names of the members of the Committee;

(c) what are the terms of reference of the Committee; and

(d) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A copy of Government Resolution No. F.1(27)-B(AC)/84 dated 1st May, 1984, which gives the information required is annexed.